

## Lindsay Chemical Observes Fiftieth Year With Party

The Lindsay Chemical Co. observed its 50th year last Saturday with a full day of festivities, starting with a picnic at John's Grove, followed by dinner and dancing in the evening at the Glen Ellyn Legion clubhouse.

All the personnel of the company received invitations to the party, presided over by Chas. R. Lindsay III, son of the company's founder.

Bruce J. Bennett, superintendent of production for the company, had prepared a history of the company, which he read at the dinner. It is an unusually interesting story, and The Press has received permission to reproduce parts of it; it is too long to reproduce entirely.

### LINDSAY CHEMICAL CO. by Bruce J. Bennett

About 52 years ago, the Welsh-born Corporation, a mantle manufacturer, had in its employ a young salesman Charles R. Lindsay, Jr. They had seen fit to give him a vacation, and he in turn was spending it in Florida. In fact, one night he



Chas. R. Lindsay III

of imagination so necessary for chemical research, and a tribute to his excellent work is the fact that many of the processes still in use were worked out by Dr. McCoy.

### Color Chicago River

After the war was over, the Germans resumed shipments of thorium nitrate and Lindsay turned to other means to supplement the thorium and mantle making. They started manufacturing dyes and succeeded in dyeing the Chicago River various hues of red and blue. It was not uncommon for a white draft horse to change color to a beautiful blue while working at hauling away the refuse from the plant, and Michigan Ave. was more than somewhat disturbed when the safety release valve on a dye kettle sprayed the street occasionally with aluminum red.

The company also turned to the plating of electric light fixtures and this went so well and the chemical business so poorly that Lindsay almost dropped the manufacture of chemicals entirely.

On July 15, 1925 Mr. Lindsay's son, Charles R. III, started to work for the company. The most fitting tribute to him is evidenced in the exceptional growth of the corporation which he has headed since his father's death in 1926.

### Come to West Chicago

Up to 1931 chemical manufacture had taken place in an old wooden building on Main street. This building had been an old police horse barn, and time was approaching to put it out to pasture with the horses. So, in spite of the help the chemical plant had been in dyeing the Chicago river, they decided to expand their production and seek a location in the western suburbs. On another hot muggy day in July, they bought the Union Tool building in West Chicago where the plant is now located. This plant was used only for the manufacture of chemicals, the mantle plant and office being retained in Chicago until 1936 when the remaining facilities were moved to the West Chicago Plant.

In 1935 the name of the company was again changed to keep up with its business to the Lindsay Light and Chemical Co. The company took up slack and weathered the depression and in the next few years came to acquire other properties in West Chicago. The old Opera house was purchased in 1941 for the tremendous sum of \$1700.00. It now houses our research laboratories.

Morton Roy Stock  
Some of the plants regarding

he had worked for in 1900, — forty years before.

The advent of the Atomic energy era did much to help us and to hinder us. India, our main source of monazite sand supply was the first country to embargo its ore, because of the relatively small percentages of the fissionable material thorium. Then Brazil began to follow in India's footsteps, and it was necessary to go into the actual mining operations there to secure any sand at all. We had to operate our own mines there for almost three years from 1949 to 1952. Finally Brazil placed a 100 percent embargo on the sand, and we had to turn to little known domestic sources of ore. We are now receiving sand from Idaho and Florida, and recently while in Europe Mr. Lindsay managed to secure adequate supplies from South Africa, through British Mining interests.

A few years ago a small branch was opened in Morris, Illinois, where all of the mantles are now manufactured. In later years the chemical business has overshadowed the mantle business to such an extent that it was decided to again change the name of the company, so on July 1, of this year the word Light was removed from the name and we are now known as the Lindsay Chemical Co.

### Thank You

We want to express our sincere thanks to the members of the board of education of school district 33, the past board presidents, the teachers, and to our many friends for the testimonial dinner and open house, and for the cards, telephone calls and

flowers which came to our home. We deeply appreciate it.  
Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Booth.

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Morton Buy Stock  
Some of the details regarding  
the purchase of the old Sash  
and Door Co. in 1943 are inter-  
esting. Mr. Mark Morton of the  
Morton Salt Co. held an \$2,000.00  
mortgage on the buildings.  
When Mr. Morton heard that the  
Lindsay Company was interested  
in buying the property, he called  
on Mr. Lindsay and Mr. Eichel-  
berger one afternoon. He strode  
into the office in his high boots  
and took a seat, but not for long.  
When he was offered the ridi-  
culous sum of \$1500.00 for the  
Sash and Door, he jumped up  
and stalked out muttering that  
he would take his business else-  
where. When a few weeks later  
the company did buy the prop-  
erty for \$4500.00, Mr. Morton  
thinking that any company in  
the hands of such shrewd dealers  
would be a good risk, he pro-  
ceeded to buy 500 shares of  
Lindsay common stock at \$5.00  
per share. He lived to see this  
stock soar to \$35.00 per share,  
and it is still in his estate.

In 1940 the Lindsay Company  
bought out the old Weisbach  
Corporation. Had Mr. Lindsay,  
Jr. lived it would no doubt have  
been of some satisfaction to  
him to see his own company  
take over the original one that

of this year, the word Light  
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### Thank You

We want to express our sin-  
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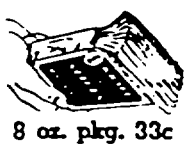
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